

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) An on-line financial information service system based on a distributed system architecture, comprising:

~~at least one financial information~~ a first server for processing financial information requests;

~~an identification~~ a name for said financial information first server;

~~at least one data server~~ a second server for processing requests for data from said ~~financial information~~ first server for processing financial information requests;

an electronic financial information request from a client;

~~at least one identification~~ a third server for processing said electronic financial information request from said client by locating said ~~financial information~~ first server, in accordance with said name for said first financial information server identification; and

~~a communication link between said client and~~ financial data obtained from said ~~financial information~~ first server associated with said ~~financial information~~ first server identification name and transferred to said client for presentation to a user.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said ~~identification is a name for said financial information server~~ third server is accessible via a web server.
3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said client is selected from the group consisting of personal computer applications, web browsers, text-terminals, and voice telephony applications and said ~~financial information server~~ communicate in accordance with a binary interface.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3 wherein said ~~communication link between said client and said financial information~~ first server is determined in accordance with said ~~binary interface~~ a financial object server.

5. (Currently Amended) A system for interfacing a client to one of a plurality of ~~financial information servers~~ for processing financial information requests, comprising:

a name for each one of said plurality of ~~financial information servers~~ for processing financial information requests;

a name server for storing ~~pairs of said name and financial information~~ server pairs for processing financial information requests;

a financial information service request from said client;

a ~~first communication link between said client and said name server~~ for transferring a name associated with said financial information request for locating in said name server said one of said plurality of financial information servers to said name server and for transferring a location for processing said financial information request said financial information server associated with said name to said client; and

a ~~second communication link between said client and said financial information server~~ with said location financial data obtained from said server for processing said financial information request with said name and transferred to said client for presentation to a user.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5 wherein said client is selected from the group consisting of personal computer applications, web browsers, text-

~~terminals, and voice telephony applications and said financial information server~~  
~~communicate in accordance with a binary interface.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6 wherein said one of said plurality servers for processing said financial information request is a financial object server~~communication link between said client and said financial information server~~  
~~is determined in accordance with said binary interface.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A system method for processing financial information requests, comprising the steps of:

~~associating a name with each of a plurality of financial information servers~~  
for processing financial information requests;

storing in a name server said names associated with said servers and  
locations for said servers for processing financial information requests;

generating a financial information request, said request generated by a client;

transmitting said financial information request to a said name server;

looking up at said name server a location for one of said plurality of ~~financial~~  
information servers for processing financial information requests;

~~establishing a communication link between said client and~~ obtaining financial  
data from a financial information server for processing financial information  
requests at said location;

transferring said financial data to said client; and

presenting said financial data to a user of said client.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of establishing a

~~communication link comprises the step of establishing a communication link in accordance with a binary interface between said client and said financial information server at said location~~obtaining financial data from a server for processing financial information requests comprises obtaining financial data from a data server in communication with said server for processing financial information requests.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said unique identification includes a unique name for each of said financial information servers~~ transmitting said financial information request to said name server comprises transmitting said financial information request to a web server.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said unique identification includes a unique address for each of said financial information servers~~ presenting said financial data to a user of said client comprises presenting said financial data in a client selected from the group consisting of personal computer applications, web browsers, text-terminals, and voice telephony applications.
12. (Cancelled)
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